

Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 3.00pm*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***Baroness D’Souza** to ask His Majesty’s Government what further consideration they have given to the appointment of a Children’s Minister at Cabinet level to coordinate cross-departmental Government programmes concerning the welfare of children.

***Lord Grocott** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to review the functions of the House of Lords Appointments Commission.

***Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty’s Government what proposals they have to reverse the trend of falling rates of owner-occupation among the 25–34 age group.

***Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the comments by the COP28 President that there is “no science” to suggest that phasing out fossil fuels will limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with on Tuesday 12 December to enable the National Insurance Contributions (Reductions in Rates) Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day and that, in accordance with Standing Order 47 (*Amendments on Third Reading*), amendments shall not be moved on Third Reading.

Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Code of Practice laid before the House on 13 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report.*

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Johnson of Lainston, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) because it exposes trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, makes trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and the Government, reduces the rights of workers to withdraw their labour, introduces legal uncertainty, and breaches international labour commitments.”

Lord Collins of Highbury to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Johnson of Lainston, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Code of Practice imposes significant new duties on trade unions, beyond the scope of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023; could exacerbate conflict in the workplace; and despite its intention to provide additional clarification to unions, still contains significant areas of uncertainty.”

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[†] indicates that the member concerned has a relevant registered interest.



Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023 Lord Markham to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Markham, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023 because they expose trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, make trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and the Government, and will add strain to industrial relationships when the National Health Service needs to protect them.”

Baroness Merron to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Markham, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations contain policy detail that was not included in primary legislation, contrary to the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee; do not reflect the policy positions taken by the Government in their response to the relevant consultation; and go against evidence received by the Government which suggests that their implementation will be challenging.”

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Sharpe of Epsom, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023 because they expose trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, make trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and the Government, reduce the rights of workers to withdraw their labour, and will prohibit around 75 per cent of Border Force workers from taking part in strike action.”

Lord Coaker to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Sharpe of Epsom, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations contain policy detail that was not included in primary legislation, contrary to the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee; and considers, given that the impact assessment acknowledges that some workers’ right to take industrial action will be affected or denied, that they are too prohibitive.”

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 Lord Davies of Gower to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Davies of Gower, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 because they expose trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, make trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and the Government, are likely to prohibit more than 40 per cent of rail industry workers from taking part in strike action, and fail to ensure that rail services will be safe on strike days.”

Lord Liddle to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Davies of Gower, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations contain policy detail that was not included in primary legislation, contrary to the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee; that their retrospective element will create uncertainty; that the impact assessment is not sufficiently robust; that it is unclear whether contractual relationships will impact the issue of work notices; and that they may prevent workers from being able to take industrial action.”

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Davies of Gower]

Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Benyon] *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Future Business

Thursday 7 December 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for increasing investment in universities to provide more opportunities for young people to acquire the skills needed to expand electricity generating capacity in the nuclear energy sector, including nuclear fusion technology.

***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the proposal from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Trussell Trust for an 'Essentials Guarantee' in Universal Credit.

***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to take steps to improve support for classical music, particularly for orchestras and opera companies.

†***Lord Coaker** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the National Audit Office's value for money analysis of the Ministry of Defence's Equipment Plan 2023 to 2033, published on 4 December.

†**Baroness Jenkin of Kennington** to move that this House takes note of the importance of safeguarding children in schools. (3 hours)

†**Baroness Hooper** to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's relationship with the countries of Latin America, and the political trends and economic developments in those countries. (2 hours)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Friday 8 December 2023 at 10.00am

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to move that this House takes note of *Love Matters*, the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households.

Monday 11 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Sheehan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the finding of the National Infrastructure Commission that there is no public policy case for hydrogen heating, set out in the Second National Infrastructure Assessment published in October.

***Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask His Majesty’s Government how many banking hubs have been established in response to bank branch closures since January 2022, and whether they are taking steps to facilitate the establishment of a national network of banking hubs.

***Lord Aberdare** to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they are making in determining how to end the practice of cash retentions in the construction sector, and whether they plan to meet the 2025 target date for achieving zero retentions proposed by the Build UK Roadmap and endorsed by the Construction Leadership Council in 2019.

***Lord Leong** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the ending of local enterprise partnerships’ funding and the impact on local economic development.

†**Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]** Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *Scottish Legislative Consent sought*

†**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to promote the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]** Committee [Lord Davies of Gower]

Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 2.30pm

†**The Lord Bishop of Winchester** will be introduced.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask His Majesty’s Government what preparations they are making for the fourth European Political Community Summit, to be held in the United Kingdom in spring 2024.

***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the report of the National Audit Office *Reforming adult social care in England* published on 10 November (HC 184), how much of the £265 million allocated to reforming social care staffing between 2022–23 and 2024–25 has been spent so far, and what problems they have encountered in spending the allocated money.

***Lord Colgrain** to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made towards identifying a vaccine for eradicating bovine tuberculosis.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 6 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 8 December.*

†**National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill** Second Reading [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

†*The following two motions and associated amendment are expected to be debated together:*

†**Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Baroness Penn to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 12 December be approved. *Ist Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Lord Khan of Burnley** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations could dangerously weaken the restrictions on overseas political donations and allow foreign money to enter British democracy.”

†**Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023** Baroness Penn to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 12 December be approved. *Ist Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†*If the Business of the House motion relating to the National Insurance Contributions (Reductions in Rates) Bill to be taken on Wednesday 6 December is agreed to, it is expected that the remaining stages will be taken.*

†**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on organ donations of the Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Act 2019. (1½ hours)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Data Protection (Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Swinburne] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

†**Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report*

†**Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Bellamy] *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Bellamy]

Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment has been made of risks to financial stability from private equity firms experiencing difficulty in the current high interest rate environment.

***Lord Foster of Bath** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they are planning to take to mitigate the risks caused by loot boxes in video games.

***Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to increase the proportion of social housing built under the Affordable Homes Programme.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 7 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 11 December.*

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill will continue, and that it will conclude.*

†**Baroness Hollins** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of progress towards achieving the target in the NHS Long Term Plan to reduce the number of people with learning disabilities and autism in inpatient mental health care by 50 per cent by March 2024, relative to 2015 levels. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

†**Employment Rights (Amendment, Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

†**Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston]

†**Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†*The following two motions are expected to be debated together:*

†**Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

†**Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Barran] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Barran]

Thursday 14 December 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure citizens are not excluded from accessing AI-generated public services.

***The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the sustainability and quality of existing buildings, including by cutting value added tax to incentivise building repairs and maintenance.

***Baroness Quin** to ask His Majesty's Government what are their levelling-up priorities for the North East of England.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 8 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 12 December.*

Lord Goddard of Stockport to move that this House takes note of the current state of fire safety regulations in England and the case for a new integrated review to update fire safety guidance. (*Balloted debate*)

†**Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of proposals to loan the Elgin Marbles to Greece. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

Lord Swire to move that this House takes note of the current threat posed by North Korea. (*Balloted debate*)

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Bill will continue in the Moses Room at 1pm, and that it will conclude.*

Monday 18 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***The Lord Bishop of London** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to ensure that refugees are given 28 days' notice before they are required to leave their Home Office accommodation, having received documentation after being granted asylum or being given leave to enter or remain.

***Lord Shipley** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of people who will be homeless this Christmas; and what plans they have to reduce the number of people who have no home of their own.

***Lord Jordan** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are planning to issue a new road safety strategy and, if so, when.

***Baroness Smith of Newnham** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the number of Afghan nationals eligible under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, or the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, who are currently in Pakistan and at risk of repatriation to Afghanistan.

Tuesday 19 December 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Gohir** to ask His Majesty's Government whether there has been a rise in home schooling and online schooling, and what action they are taking to strengthen child safeguarding in this context.

***Lord Allan of Hallam** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they have put in place to mitigate the risk of people being coerced into showing their confidential medical records to third parties as records become universally available through the NHS app.

***Lord Balfe** to ask His Majesty's Government why, having suffered a defeat in the High Court, they are seeking to revive the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

Select Committee Reports

The date on which the report was published is in italics.

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Where have all the workers gone?* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 115). *20 December 2022*

Baroness Stowell of Beeston to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *Digital exclusion* (3rd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 219). *29 June*

Lord Hollick to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Industry and Regulators Committee *Must do better: the Office for Students and the looming crisis facing higher education* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 246). *23 September*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to move that this House regrets that the explanatory memorandum (EM) accompanying the Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which delay for a further two years the ban on multibuy promotions of high fat, sugar and salt products, fails to provide sufficient evidence to justify this delay, and endorses the recommendation of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee that the Government should replace the EM “with one that is fit for purpose”. *55th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2022–23*

Lord Berkeley to move that this House regrets that the Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023, while providing improved safety and visibility designs, do not set out the need, timing and costs for private crossing owners to replace existing signs. *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to move that this House regrets that the Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023 will revoke Basic Payment Scheme cross-compliance provisions regarding environmental, animal welfare and other standards before a new compliance scheme has been completely established; and notes the risk of (1) regulatory gaps, and (2) increasing uncertainty for farmers and landowners.

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 15 November in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.

Baroness Smith of Newnham to ask His Majesty’s Government what is their assessment of the current level of accommodation provision for asylum seekers.

Baroness Boycott to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of (1) the impact of climate change, (2) increases in the cost of living, and (3) inflation, on the horticultural sector.

Baroness Thornhill to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the number of people living in temporary accommodation and the impact on council budgets.

Lord Aberdare to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to increase the availability and take-up of first aid training, including in the use of defibrillators.

Lord Holmes of Richmond to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the economic and social growth opportunities presented by new technologies including (1) artificial intelligence, and (2) distributed ledger technologies.

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect the rights of families by ensuring transparency and open justice in Court of Protection proceedings in respect of minors and adults.

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will reconsider the case for holding an independent inquiry into the allegations against Sir Edward Heath that remained unresolved at the end of Operation Conifer.

Lord Patel to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve cancer outcomes.

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how the Windsor Framework strengthens the Union.

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the delivery, and (2) the cost-effectiveness, of major infrastructure projects.

Viscount Stansgate to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of artificial intelligence and the need for regulation.

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions closes at 5pm on Tuesday 12 December and will be drawn on Wednesday 13 December for debate on Thursday 18 January. Time limit 1 hour.

Baroness Sater to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the financial literacy of children through the provision of financial education in schools. (*Department for Education*)

Lord Curry of Kirkharle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of reducing Official Development Assistance from 0.7 per cent to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income in 2021 on small charities, particularly those working in Africa. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Baroness Browning to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to create a parity of esteem between health and social care to address dementia. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to respond to the report by The Children's Society, *The Good Childhood Report 2023*, published in September 2023. (*Department for Education*)

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the volume of sugar added to food and to encourage producers to reformulate it with healthier alternatives. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support and promote the charity and voluntary sectors. (*Department for Culture, Media and Sport*)

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current pathways for newly recognised refugees to integrate and establish themselves in the United Kingdom. (*Home Office*)

Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the supply and improve the quality of homes; whilst ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to accelerate the adoption of new innovative vaccines by the National Immunisation Programme. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the contribution of foreign nationals to the NHS and social care services. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

Lord Popat to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to (1) raise awareness among United Kingdom businesses of commercial opportunities in African markets, and (2) support United Kingdom exports to Africa. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

†**Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to publish a social care workforce plan to complement the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 5 December and due for answer by 19 December.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of threats to freedom of religion or belief in Hong Kong, following the recent report published by Hong Kong Watch, *Sell Out My Soul: The Impending Threats to Freedom of Religion or Belief in Hong Kong*.

HL854

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of the People's Republic of China about the continued incarceration of the journalist Zhang Zhan, who attempted to question Communist Party officials in Wuhan about the origins of COVID-19; and what response, if any, they have received.

HL855

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to amend the Ministerial and Other Salaries Order 2008 to ensure that holding ministerial office in the House of Lords is not predicated on access to a private income in order to maintain a standard of living commensurate with those roles and responsibilities.

HL856

Lord Birt to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the evidence presented by Lukasz Krupski about the safety of Tesla's self-driving vehicles as part of their development of the Automated Vehicles Bill.

HL857

Lord Birt to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham (HL391), whether they will now answer the question put, namely, whether they intend to review the processes and systems of supervision and governance in respect of projects commissioned by the Government.

HL858

Lord Blencathra to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to require developers to undertake a Fire Risk Appraisal of External Walls in circumstances where the developers have failed to engage with the landlords.

HL859

Lord Blencathra to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to prevent a landlord charging leaseholders for undertaking a Fire Risk Appraisal of External Walls without the participation of the developer, where the developer has refused to co-operate.

HL860

Lord Blencathra to ask His Majesty's Government what is the number of housing developments for which developers have not progressed a Fire Risk Appraisal of External Walls, where this is required.

HL861

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with other countries regarding the development of automated vehicles, including in relation to developing common standards for such vehicles.

HL862

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what assistance, financial or otherwise, they have provided to businesses in the development of automated vehicles.

HL863

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had, if any, with the devolved administrations regarding automated vehicles.

HL864

Lord Bowness to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to make good the reported shortfall in the budget of the Ministry of Defence, and what effect such a shortfall will have on the UK's supply of materials to Ukraine.

HL865

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government how many local authorities were allocated funding to establish parent and carer panels as part of the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme, and how much funding was allocated to each local authority.

HL866

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government which local authorities were allocated funding for Start for Life workforce models, and how much funding was allocated to each local authority.

HL867

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask His Majesty's Government how often reports submitted under (1) Rule 32 of the Short-term Holding Facility Rules 2018, and (2) Rule 35 of the Detention Centre Rules 2001, are audited by Home Office officials.

HL868

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask His Majesty's Government, following the Community Engagement Pilot series, what consideration they have given to alternatives to immigration detention, especially for those with medical needs.

HL869

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask His Majesty's Government how many residents of MDP Wethersfield are able to pass freely to and from the site; what is the schedule of the minibus service available; and what assessment they have made of the amount of time residents are able to be away from the site each day based on that schedule.

HL870

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the UNHCR, *Evaluation of the Refugee and Migrant Advice Service's Alternative to Detention Pilot*, published 23 August; and what plans they have to use its findings to inform ministerial decision-making in regard to the development and implementation of alternatives to migrant detention in the UK.

HL871

Baroness Garden of Frognal to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage small businesses to engage in apprenticeship programmes aimed at delivering a skilled pipeline of electrical contractors into the workforce.

HL872

Baroness Garden of Frognal to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support students studying a classroom-based electrical technical diploma to transition into the workforce.

HL873

Baroness Garden of Frognal to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to measure the learner outcomes and career progression of students completing electrical technical diplomas.

HL874

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the services available to address gambling addiction in the UK; and how they plan to further support those affected.

HL875

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what recent steps have been taken to (1) raise awareness of the risks, and (2) promote responsible practices, in relation to online gambling, particularly among vulnerable groups such as young people and individuals with mental health challenges.

HL876

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of people who have entered the UK illegally via Northern Ireland's border with the Republic of Ireland during the last 12 months.

HL877

Lord Hayward to ask His Majesty's Government when in 2022 officials received counsel's opinion from the Electoral Commission in relation to voter secrecy under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

HL878

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether a practising consultant obstetrician is always present at maternity inspections undertaken by the Care Quality Commission.

HL879

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government how much money the UK pays to the EU annually; for what purpose; and for how long such payments are expected to continue.

HL880

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to publish a timebound strategy to meet their legal obligation to aim that fishing occurs at sustainable levels.

HL881

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for issuing children suffering from cancer an education, health and care plan. HL882

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve railway connectivity between Liverpool and Manchester. HL883

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty's Government, further to United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's Nationally Determined Contribution updated in September 2022 (CP744), why the Climate Change Committee advised that emissions from international aviation and shipping should not be included; and in particular, whether this was because of the difficulty in attributing emissions to specific countries. HL884

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the decision to raise the minimum salary threshold for skilled worker visas does not harm businesses and the broader economy. HL885

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to alter trade policy to enhance economic growth, further to the recommendations made in the final report of the Economy 2030 inquiry, *Ending Stagnation: A New Economic Strategy for Britain*, published by the Resolution Foundation on 4 December. HL886

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assess the benefits, challenges and regulatory considerations of the potential integration of artificial intelligence in auditing practice within firms. HL887

Baroness Thornton to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Permanent Representative of the UK to the UN attended the '*Hear Our Voices: Sexual and gender-based violence in the October 7th Hamas terror attack*' event on 4 December at the UN headquarters; and if not, why. HL888

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what Barnett consequentials arise for (1) Scotland, (2) Northern Ireland, and (3) Wales, as a result of additional financial support for schools to deal with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. HL889

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding has been allocated for (1) 2023–24, and (2) 2024–25, to the scheme providing funding to businesses for "Not for EU" product labelling. HL890

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether funding provided to businesses for "Not for EU" product labels will be ongoing mainstreamed funding or a one-off fund. HL891

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether the plant health labelling scheme for Northern Ireland confers upon businesses all the rights available under the UK Plant Passport scheme. HL892

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they are having with the EU to resolve the issue of groupage for hauliers transporting goods from Great Britain into Northern Ireland. HL893

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the EU to enable consumers in Northern Ireland to receive plants and seeds directly from businesses in Great Britain. HL894

Baroness Whitaker to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for establishing a separate contracts for difference funding pot for wave energy generation, so that its funding is no longer in competition with technologies which are closer to market. HL895

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government how many branches of (1) Barclays, (2) NatWest, (3) Lloyds Bank, and (4) HSBC, in the UK have closed in 2023 so far; and what were the corresponding figures for 2022. HL896

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made towards the creation of an electricity grid interconnector between north-west and south-west Wales. HL897

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what are the latest annual figures for gross value added per head of population for (1) England, (2) Wales, (3) Scotland, and (4) Northern Ireland. HL898

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government how many prosecutions were made for illegal sewage dumping in each of the water authority areas in England in the most recent year for which figures are available. HL899

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what is the anticipated timetable for the electrification of the mainline railway connection between Crewe and Holyhead. HL900

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government how many Home Office employees are employed in Wales in (1) police services, (2) prison services, (3) border control, and (4) other services. HL901

Questions unanswered after 10 working days

The questions asked on the dates shown in bold were due for answer by the dates in brackets. The government department responsible for answering each question is shown in square brackets.

13 November (27 November)

HL255 Lord Taylor of Goss Moor [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL256 Lord Taylor of Goss Moor [Department of Health and Social Care]

15 November (29 November)

HL371 Lord Touhig [Department of Health and Social Care]

20 November (4 December)

HL402 The Lord Bishop of Durham [Home Office]

HL428 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL434 Lord Taylor of Goss Moor [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

HL453 Baroness Wolf of Dulwich [Department of Health and Social Care]

21 November (5 December)

HL464 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL477 Lord Mendelsohn [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL481 Lord Roberts of Llandudno [Home Office]

HL490 Lord Scriven [Home Office]

Number of questions allocated to each department which are unanswered after 10 working days

Health and Social Care (7)

Home Office (3)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecocide Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill	Government	12 December
Heritage Trees Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Referred to a Second Reading Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Select Committee		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	7 December
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	11 December
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	

Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] (*Scottish Legislative Consent sought*)

Government 11 December

Sent to the Commons

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]

Private

Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

Draft Data Reporting Services Regulations 2023

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023

Draft Securitisation Regulations 2023

Draft General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024

Draft Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024

Draft Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024

Draft Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023

Draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024

Draft Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (Automatic Online Conviction and Standard Statutory Penalty) (Specification of Offences and Penalties) Regulations 2024

Draft Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*6 December*)

Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023 (*12 December*)

Draft Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*13 December*)

Draft Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report (12 December)*

Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023 (*12 December*)

Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

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Draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

Draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *(6 December)*

Draft Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (6 December)*

Draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023

Draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Draft Data Protection (Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

Draft Employment Rights (Amendment, Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (13 December)*

Draft Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 *(13 December)*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 *(13 December)*

Draft Hydrogen Production Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2023

Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 4th Report*

Draft Trade Union (Deduction of Union Subscriptions from Wages in the Public Sector) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft Employment Tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Regulations 2023

Draft Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Immigration Act 2014 (Residential Accommodation) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Negative Instruments

Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 55th Report, Session 2022–23. Praying time ended 17 November*

Misuse of Drugs (England and Wales and Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 1st Report. Praying time ends 7 December*

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 13 December*

Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) and Persons Subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Official Controls (Plant Health) (Prior Notification) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (England and Wales) Order 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 16 December*

Childcare (Childminder Agencies) (Cancellation etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 16 December*

Information as to Provision of Education (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 17 December*

Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) Order 2023 *4th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 January*

Draft Data Protection and Journalism Code of Practice 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 20 January*

Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment Regulations) 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report. Praying time ends 19 January*

Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 9) and Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8) (Revocation) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 18 January*

National Security Act 2023 (Prevention and Investigation Measures) (Polygraph) Regulations 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 19 January*

Human Rights Remedial Order

Draft order under paragraph 2(a) referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023 *Scrutiny period expires 15 January*

Proposed Negative Statutory Instruments laid under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Railways (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires 6 December*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibition or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V) *Scrutiny period expires: 9 January 2024*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Belgium on the Gainful Occupation of Certain Family Members of the Personnel of the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts *Scrutiny period expires: 17 January 2024*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

Amending Agreement No. 2 between the United Kingdom and Georgia Amending the Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 14 November. Scrutiny period expires: 11 December*

Amending Agreement No. 2 between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Moldova to amend the Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 14 November. Scrutiny period expires: 11 December*

Exchange of Notes amending the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Korea *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 14 November. Scrutiny period expires: 19 December*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Georgia concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 28 November. Scrutiny period expires: 10 January 2024*

Retirement

The following member of the House has given notice of his intention to retire.

Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank (12 December)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Wednesday 6 December

Constitution Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4A	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Public Services Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Finance Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm

Tuesday 12 December

Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
European Affairs Committee		3.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
International Agreements Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	5.00pm

Wednesday 13 December

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee		3.00pm

Thursday 14 December

Services Committee	Room 2A	12.15pm
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Monday 18 December

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	4.00pm
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Tuesday 23 January

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	4.00pm
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Wednesday 24 January

Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm
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Tuesday 30 January

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday 5 December 2023

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

Select Committee Report

1 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

Drawn to the special attention of the House:

Draft Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023

Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment Regulations) 2023

Includes information paragraphs on:

Draft Immigration Act 2014 (Residential Accommodation) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2023 and two linked instruments

Draft Data Protection and Journalism Code of Practice 2023

National Security Act 2023 (Prevention and Investigation Measures) (Polygraph) Regulations 2023. (5th Report, HL Paper 24)

Public Business

2 **Sexually transmitted infections** A question was asked by Lord Black of Brentwood and answered by Lord Markham.

3 **Children seeking asylum** A question was asked by Lord Scriven and answered by Lord Gascoigne.

4 **Department for Work and Pensions: AI** A question was asked by Baroness Sherlock and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

5 **Cancer Research UK Report** A question was asked by Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick and answered by Lord Markham.

6 **Ukraine: humanitarian and economic support** A question was asked by Lord Robertson of Port Ellen and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

7 **Belarus** A question was asked by Lord Foulkes of Cumnock and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

8 **Taliban relations and Afghan refugees** A question was asked by Baroness D'Souza and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

9 **UK–EU relationship** A question was asked by Baroness Hoey and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

10 **Heritage Trees Bill [HL]** Baroness Young of Old Scone presented a bill to promote the protection and stewardship of heritage trees in England; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 26)

11 **House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]** Lord Grocott presented a bill to amend the House of Lords Act 1999 so as to abolish the system of by-elections for hereditary peers. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 27)

12 **Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the bill be now read a second time. After debate, the motion was agreed to. Then Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee, and that it be an instruction to the Grand Committee that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 36	Schedule 16
Schedule 1	Clauses 208 to 213
Clauses 37 to 57	Schedule 17
Schedule 2	Clause 214
Clauses 58 to 124	Schedule 18
Schedule 3	Clauses 215 to 223
Clauses 125 to 127	Schedule 19
Schedule 4	Clauses 224 to 253
Clause 128	Schedule 20
Schedule 5	Clause 254
Clause 129	Schedule 21
Schedule 6	Clauses 255 to 282
Clauses 130 to 136	Schedule 22
Schedule 7	Clauses 283 to 293
Clause 137	Schedule 23
Schedule 8	Clauses 294 to 299
Clauses 138 to 142	Schedule 24
Schedules 9 to 11	Clauses 300 to 307
Clause 143	Schedule 25
Schedule 12	Clauses 308 to 323
Clause 144	Schedule 26
Schedule 13	Clauses 324 to 325
Clauses 145 to 149	Schedule 27
Schedules 14 to 15	Clauses 326 to 355
Clauses 150 to 207	Title.

The motion was agreed to.

13 **Legal migration** Lord Sharpe of Epsom answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 4 December.

The House adjourned at 9.04pm until Wednesday 6 December at 3.00pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

All statutory instruments laid before the House are accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum presented by command of His Majesty, unless otherwise indicated.

Command Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Social Care—Government Response to the consultation on visiting in care homes, hospitals and hospices. (983)

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Notification Requirements: Social Housing) Regulations 2023 (1311)
- 2 Statute, made by Peterhouse, Cambridge on 18 September, amending the existing Statutes of the College (—)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Sixth Report of the Independent Reporting Commission
- 2 Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament 2022–23
- 3 Report by the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament on International Partnerships

